

Erap scolds sons over public spat

By Christine V. Esguerra

FORMER President Joseph "Erap" Estrada has intervened in the public spat between his sons, Sen. Rogelio Estrada and San Juan Rep. Jose Victor "TV" Estrada, and scolded them for making their rift public.

"Pangasinan is us," Estrada said. "What to do? Young man, go to his wife and tell her to tell him to stop. He's wrong for them to air their grudge in public. People might say, how can you lead the public when you can't control your own sons?" Estrada told the SON.

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THEY'RE IN TOWN Disney's favorite characters Mickey and Minnie Mouse treat kids to a sweet and great during the opening of the "Huge Magical Christmas with King Disneyland" at SM Megamall, which runs until Nov. 11. Minnie gets a kiss from a kid as Mickey looks on.

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VFA body 'blocked' probe of KL firm

By Robert Gonzaga and Tereza Orjiza
Inquirer General Editors and Q1 Yap in Manila

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—As early as 2011, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) had been looking into reports of toxic waste dumping by Hela Defense Marine Asia, a business division of US Navy contractor, not just in Subic Bay but also in Manila Bay, the bureau has learned.

But the agency's efforts have been resisted by the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) Commission, according to Roberto Sison, a business division of the EMB's General Editor.

Sison said the EMB had been inquiring into the operations of VFA BOO/AM.



ACT OF FAITH Religious and government leaders pray for President Aquino during a three-hour interfaith national assembly to mark the 50th anniversary of World Vision, an international Christian organization, at Smart Araneta Coliseum. Leading the prayer was Bishop Jose Pihan (right) with former Supreme Court Chief Justice Reynato Puno (left), Supreme Court Chief Justice Marita Laurente Sereno (third from left) and lower Liguay Vincente Chua (second from right).

By Jerome Aring and Norman Borlison

THE UNITED States Navy contractor accused of dumping hazardous waste into Subic Bay last month is not covered by the Visiting Forces Agreement between the US and the Philippines, the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

"The VFA only covers US military personnel and US civilian personnel who are individuals employed by the US Armed Forces or those that accompany them such as employees of the American Red Cross and United Services Organization," said Assistant Secretary Raul Hermanos, the DFA spokesperson.

"Since Hela Defense Marine Asia Philippines Inc. cannot be considered US personnel, clearly its acts or third-party contractors are not covered by the VFA," Hermanos said.

The VFA, the 1999 agreement that provides the framework for

PH not on Obama's SE Asia itinerary

By Michael Lin Ubac

NEWLY indicted US President Barack Obama will travel to Southeast Asia next week, but his next in the region does not include a visit to the Philippines.

Obama's Nov. 27-29 South East Asia tour will include

stops in Thailand, Cambodia and Burma (Myanmar), the White House said on Thursday as it confirmed his first international trip since he won a second term in US presidential election on Tuesday.

Obama will be in Southeast Asia to attend meetings in Cambodia centered on the 21st an-

nual summit of the 50-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), which is usually extended to take in leaders of partner countries.

President Aquino leaves Manila for Cambodia on Nov. 27, before the summit, which will be held in Phnom Penh from Nov. 18-20.

As of press time last night, there was no word from Manila on whether Mr. Aquino would meet with Obama during the Asean summit, as the Palace press officers, Suben Lacsada and Nigad Valde, were in a closed meeting with the President.

PHOTO: AFP



Solon wants 'curfew' for night spots

By Christine V. Esguerra

LIMITING the "happy hours" spent in bars, clubs and similar establishments would definitely make Bin, congressional Deputy.

Calapan Rep. Saver Magaleta has proposed a bill that would limit the operating hours of bars, nightclubs, and related establishments to help curb social incidents in



SECURITY guards block the Manila Harbor Center gate. SOURCE: AFP

Tension up at Manila port over court order

By Erik S. Suter

CONTRIBUTED trucks clogged the highway in Wala, Toledo, as the Manila Harbor Center closed its gates yesterday to prevent a government agency from taking over the port's container area.

Control over the 79-hectare Manila Harbor Center Industrial Park (MHCIP) has been the subject of a legal battle between the government housing finance agency Home Guarantee Corp. (HGC) and developer B&B

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Florida icing on the cake of Obama's poll victory

MIAMI—US President Barack Obama's trip to Florida was on Thursday that the Democrats had won the vote in the officially undecided Southern state, where officials are eager for his rehashing the ballot.

Obama ended up not needing the biggest swing state as he won enough states across the country to jump to a decisive electoral college victory in Tuesday's election, but his team believes they struggled to any gain.

"On behalf of Florida Democrats, I wish President Barack Obama congratulations

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

09 November 2012

H.E. Benigno Sison C. Aquino III
President of the Philippines
Malacanin, Manila

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned leaders of the various under the KAPUSANAN NG MANGAGAGAWA SA GOCCs at GfIs (KAMAGGfI), respectfully submit this position paper after the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) lawfully refused our request for a dialogue in our letter dated 27 March 2012, arrogantly invoking a principle that it is the Management, not the GCG, that is accountable to the rank and file employees and implying that we do not have the prerogative to ask for a dialogue with the honorable members of the GCG.

In retrospect, we also copied to you our 28 August 2012 letter wherein we appeal "for your kind intervention to fast-track the study of Governance Commission on GOCCs. We also implored the President that "with the final release of the last tranche of the Salary Standardization System (SSS) for other government agencies last June 2012, it must be noted that the GOCCs and GfIs were never accorded similar adjustments for the past years. Aggravated by the recent reduction, not increase, and the ever rising cost of basic commodities, it is not high time that the current plight of GOCC and GfI workers be given immediate attention."

After the signing into law of Republic Act (RA) 10188 by the President on May 31, 2011 otherwise known as the GOCC Governance Act of 2011, a widespread campaign to discontinue and withhold the benefits and privileges of GOCCs and GfIs was implemented by different agency heads and their governing boards. These actions against GOCCs and GfIs was suddenly backed by the issuance of directives and audit observation memos from the Commission on Audit (COA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) as benefits and allowances previously being received legally by employees of GOCCs and GfIs.

So, we are baffled why such treatment is being heaped to employees of GOCCs and GfIs because you constantly declare that the PEOPLE, of which we are certainly a part of, presently says "KAYO ANG BSGS KO," should really start listening to your BSBS.

We fully agree with the declaration under the law creating the GCG, RA 10189 that GOCCs have the potential as significant tools for economic development.

The abrupt decrease in the income levels of GOCC and GfI employees has only caused unnecessary strains and turmoil. You should understand that many government employees have their own family to feed and home to pay (i.e. housing, education, medical, etc). Thus, any reduction of salaries and benefits of GOCC and GfI employees is detrimental in maintaining employee morale and dignity.

When you legally approved benefits and allowances were withheld, you have not only put our lives in jeopardy but you have also endangered our family's survival and the future of our children. This is why our constitution and laws should ensure the non-distribution of salaries and benefits of employees whether from the private or public sector.

We believe that what you are trying to do is to instill fiscal discipline on GOCCs and GfIs whose governing boards may have abused their fiscal autonomy. In fact, many are still under the Salary Standardization Law.

We are, however, DISMAINED by the way we, the rank-and-file employees of GOCCs and GfIs, were shabbily treated by GCG, the very body which the law mandates to serve as control agency, monitoring and oversight body of GOCCs and the people's supposed "public servant".

This is the main concern which we wanted to discuss with the GCG. But, we were ignored.

RA 10188 mandates that the GCG, after conducting a compensation study, shall develop a Compensation and Position Classification System (CPCS) which shall apply to all officers and employees of the GOCCs and GfIs whether under the Salary Standardization Law or exempt therefrom and shall consist of classes of positions grouped into such categories as the GCG may determine, subject to approval of the President.

To this date, however, there is no CPCS for the GOCC and GfI workers. There is likewise no adjustment in our compensation to address the devastating effects of the recent calamities, fuel increases and the ever rising cost of basic commodities. As far as we are aware, it was in 2008, during the previous administration, that we were granted salary adjustment equivalent to 1% of our base pay, simply because this adjustment was granted to ALL government employees.

The combined effects of these arbitrary acts and ineptitude, the GOCC and GfI workers are currently seeing from a double whammy: scarcity of the GCG. It is an arbitrary and unjustly suspended the benefits being enjoyed by GOCC and GfI workers for years, if not decades, obviously complying with the instruction of Executive Order (EO) No. 80.

We cannot imagine that we will not be receiving any traditional Christmas Bonus and End Incentive because of the present implementation of the Income Taxation-Based Incentive for GOCCs. As a Christian citizen, we believe that this is not what the spirit of Christmas is all about.

After two (2) years of the enactment of RA 10188, GCG has yet to fulfill its mandate to adopt a CPCS which guarantees basic and equitable compensation for all personnel in the GOCCs and GfIs that is generally compatible with those in the private sector doing comparable work and in accordance with prevailing laws on minimum wages.

This double whammy is further exacerbated by the fact that all the GOCCs and GfIs under which KAMAGGfI members are employed are vested fund autonomy under their respective charters, for they do not depend upon the national budget or the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for their operating expenses. On the contrary, they even contribute to the national treasury. This arbitrary act destroys the corporate integrity of these GOCCs and GfIs as it runs against the guarantee that "the corporate form of organization through which government carries out activities is utilized fully."

We, therefore, demand:

- 1) that the grant of existing benefits to GOCC and GfI employees included in their agency approved Corporate Operating Budget (COB) be continued and reversed including the release of withheld benefits as long as no adjustments in our compensation are granted and until the GCG has not adopted a new CPCS that guarantees compensation compatible with those of the private sector;
- 2) that the corporate integrity of the GOCCs and GfIs as provided by their respective charters must be respected by the GCG;
- 3) that the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10188 must first be promulgated. The GCG has so far disregarded this elementary legislative rule and;
- 4) that the "governance of GOCCs is carried out in a transparent, responsible and accountable manner and with the utmost degree of professionalism and effectiveness." A transparent and responsible governance requires that representatives from our sector must be regularly consulted by the GCG.

We hereby **DECLARE** our unwavering stand under the terms set forth above to make a reality the challenge that GOCCs and GfIs are **SIGNIFICANT TOOLS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** that **CANNOT SIMPLY BE IGNORED**.

Mr. President, we appeal for due justice and immediate action.



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WHEN THIS new year comes around, Queens City will become the first city to implement a "90 CCPE, no business permits" policy in the country. Mayor Herbert Rasmussen said he had instructed the Business Permit and Licensing Office to remind business owners of the city ordinance passed last April requiring business owners to install closed-circuit television systems before

EDITORIAL applying for or renewing their permits. The establishment he mentioned in particular were pawnshops, gasoline stations, convenience stores, banks, malls, supermarkets and schools. City Hall itself will start installing its own CCTV system next year. This is apart from the procurement of P180 million worth of security cameras to be installed on major and secondary streets in the city's 142 barangays, the mayor said.

Even the Catholic Church in Quzhou City is installing CCTV systems. According to Bishop Hosanna Ogilvie of the Diocese of Caidao (there are two big dioceses in the city, the other one being Ninghai), the parishioners who fear justification have begun installing CCTV cameras in their homes to keep an eye on the faithful or from stealing antique religious icons and even church bells.

The taxes most Indians can only look that Dharma. Big Brother has impinged on both secular and sacred spaces but also how CCTV cameras, especially in public places, have become a necessity in this era of surveillance. The police have been the first to install cameras in Quzhou City buildings and residences, just like the Catholic Church, would find the security measure appropriate, even innocuous.

Bishop Ongaro is fast frowst on the cameras, not merely because of its coercive dimensions, but because they make businesses more expensive ventures. The cost of installing a CCTV system ranges from P15,000 to as much as P30,000, depending on the coverage of the surveillance area. The price also depends on the resolution of the security cameras and other settings. "It's a good measure," the prelate said, "but then the important question is: Can everyone afford it, especially those with small businesses?"

But heightened security appears to be an increasing concern in Metro Atlanta. Mayor John Raymond Tinsley, Nevean and the city had installed 20 CCTV cameras in major thoroughfares and allocated some \$1.2 million for the purchase of 10 more cameras to cover more vital areas. He said Atlanta's CCTV camera network had been of significant importance not only in keeping peace and order and in tracking down criminals but also in traffic

In Congress, Sen. Michael Lipud has filed a bill requiring commercial establishments with work areas measuring at least 50 square meters to install and maintain C.I.T.V.s in strategic areas. Last month, Philippine National Police Director General Nemesio Barcelon said that at the next meeting of the National Peace and Order Council, he would propose that business establishments be required to install C.I.T.V.s. "It is just a small investment on the part of business operators that will eventually translate to higher returns as losses due to crime are diminished," he said.

But as Barcelona being oblivious to the idea that the growing trust among businesses and residents to install their own CCTV systems reflects in the police's poor public confidence ratings? The fact that he himself has acknowledged he would propose the adoption of the Quatrecas City initiative as a non-negotiable trade appears to be an acknowledgement of the police's failure to guarantee public safety and order.

One would think that after the international homicide rates in the borderland police zones of Immigrant and Borderland in 2012, the Phoenix Police is to rejoice and by reducing efforts to check on sales zones. But the numbers are discouraging. Crime has multiplied exponentially since then. Numbers from the National Crime Register Police Office show that 28,232 crimes were reported in Maricopa County during the first half of 2012 – a figure 37 percent higher than the 20,607 crimes recorded during the same period in 2011. It's quite disturbing that a PSP spokesperson was reported as having dismissed the crime wave to "smarter" criminals. What is that but an accounting for racial adoration of PSP incompetence?

A political cartoon depicting an environmental disaster. A large oil tanker ship, labeled 'MT GLENN GUARDIAN', is shown leaking a massive, dark, swirling cloud of oil. A large barrel floating in the oil is labeled 'US TOXIC WASTE'. The scene is set in 'SUBIC BAY', with a skull and crossbones symbol floating in the center of the oil spill. The cartoon is signed 'JIM HARRIS 2004' in the bottom right corner.

Highly contagious

VIEWPOINT

David L. Morcades

American Embassy in Rome: 6M calls in Mario Monti and Carlo, sold stock exchange. Obama took 1,620, or 76 percent of the 2,120 votes cast. Berlusconi trailed at 500.

The 23 politicians comprising there are one issue in common, the old saw goes: everybody "wants"—both the voters and the others who say: "I was told that." The greatest common denominator of any 40-page Canada, is the concept.

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The members of the new elite in Beijing, by contrast, behind the scenes by various leaders and party elders. It's Beijing has long been here apparent to the states. "The future leaders are confirmed. It's a matter of time. There is no surprise," Chinese officials say.

Still, now, China's media have an even hand at the widely anticipated succession. The Chinese continue with 15 elections, the most the media eyes in China's state-backed media.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/asia-12122012>

Following 11 polls last a certain "pess-

graphic' that for many Chinese workers, the

Monday morning quarterbacking

GET REAL

Solving Conflicts

30-fold, and on "Sleggy" and making it difficult for them to live in the United States so that there would be self-deportation. Another

Which must have contributed to Obama winning 55 percent of the African American vote, and 71 percent of the Latinos vote. And although in the presidential survey, the women vote was divided equally between Obama and Romney, the women went for Obama on election day, according to the exit polls, by a ratio of 55 percent to 41 percent nationally. The women apparently went for him in every swing state, and by as much as 59-40 (Iowa). The polls suggest the election of a new America.

And speaking of Republicans (in official circles), in many American Chambers of Commerce (American members), Romney's debate was also confined to their ideology. I once ran into a chap. The most interesting comment I have come across was made by James Buchanan of D.C. He said: "Romney is a man of God."

mental. Then, writing in *why* (Obama was "after the last on Monday was the worst of times in which Republicans have ignored themselves ever since the time of The Tea Party in 2009. This is a universe in which the Bush-era crisis was caused by over-regulation, one in which, despite years of brutal drought and violent weather patterns, climate change is a liberal hoax, a country that ran-overs a vast uninsured doctor without ever raising side-street revenue, while expending the military

From what I gather, though, it was more a case of Romney losing the voters than of Obama winning them. On a case of Obama making less mistakes than Romney or Romney failing to capitalize on Obama's weaknesses, while Obama obviously capitalized on Romney's. The only positive thing I seem to have read about the Obama campaign was that it had a lot of superior organization than Romney's, one that operated on a street by street basis, particularly

What were some of Romney's mistakes? In retrospect, they were not doctrine, starting with the one where he ran rough on voters talking to an audience of the very wealthy about the 40 percent of the economy who believe that they are entitled to healthcare, to food, to housing, to your name it. That's unacceptable, and the government should give it to them. And they will vote for this President on

Diets. The authors select Summary Thoughts of the Millennium Declaration and its accompanying Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which emphasized minimum standards of food and health, among other things. It was signed by 189 countries, including the United States, in September 2000. Of course, that was when Democrat Bill Clinton was President, but the George W. Bush administration did come up with the Millennium Challenge Corp. after all.

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and natural scientists (with John Stewart) and Richard Mawhood (Indiana), and their really astute comments on 'legitimate' and 'not-Godly' work. They have, too, and because of their knowledge and office

and speaking of Republicans are often hostile to many American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) members). Summary's defense was also confined to their ideology. If one can call it that. The next morning's comment I have

some extent was made by Simon Williams of *The National Times*, writing on 15th January 1990: 'When by the late 1980s, Sweden was the world of Israel in which Republicans have mirrored

examines over which the use of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. This is a measure in which the financial crisis was caused by over-regulation, one in which, despite years of brutal drought and various weather events, drought damage is

...the most common pattern, income change is a third factor, a country that can attract a vast structural dollar without ever raising additional revenue, while expanding the military budget beyond anything made by the Fed.

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Obama thanks campaign volunteers, sheds tears

WASHINGTON—In the most emotional and emotional moment ever captured on Barack Obama's campaign, the normally composed 45-year-old president shed tears as he told young campaign workers of his pride in them.

Obama's campaign team showed an Obama supporter a five-minute video of his tearful emotional address to his team in his Chicago headquarters the day before, hours after he won reelection in a second term.

"What you guys have done, means the world that I am doing is important, I am really proud of all of you," Obama said before pausing as tears welled up and

disappeared his face.

"I am absolutely confident that all of you are going to do great amazing things in your lives," Obama said, standing alone at a microphone with a poster of his slogan "For the people" behind him on the wall.

"What Bobby Kennedy called the ripple of hope that comes whenever you share a dream in a life, that is going to be you," Obama said, his voice still hoarse from days of campaigning.

The five-minute video was posted on YouTubeObama.com and was distributed by campaign staff on Twitter and e-mail.

Obama campaign manager

Jim Messina said in an e-mail to supporters that the president was not just telling his campaign workers in the office, but to all the thousands of volunteers who built his large grass-roots movement.

"It was talking to all of you," Messina wrote in the e-mail. "Obama, thank you for his words, 'as women' persons, his sometimes have amount of showing too little emotion in public and appearing about. He showed his gut being in strong positions as the end of both his 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns."

But he has rarely displayed the kind of raw emotion that was seen in the five-minute video.

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NAME DISPLAY OF OBAMA: President Barack Obama tears up as he speaks to his young campaign supporters in Philadelphia. (AP/WIDE WORLD)

Florida icing on the cake of Obama's poll victory

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on his reelection and on winning Florida's 30 electoral college votes." Florida Democrats said that truth said in a moment.

Mrs. Romney's senior campaign adviser in Florida said earlier that the Republican presidential challenger lost the state, where a track is still to be announced since three more days after the election.

Electoral officials have said all vote results must be completed no later than Saturday, but the statement from Romney's campaign published in the Miami Herald suggested his team had already accepted defeat.

The numbers in Florida show this was accurate. His thought based on our polling and range of expectations that he had done what we needed to win," senior campaign adviser Ron Clinton said in the statement.

"Obviously we didn't, and for that I and every other operative in Florida have, and I think that we left something on the table," he added.

312 electoral votes

Obama campaign manager Jim Messina said he was sure that the president would be declared the winner.

The campaign team model estimated to date that Obama "will hold that lead and win with 312 electoral votes," Messina said.

In the state-by-state electoral college system, 270 votes were needed for victory and Obama already has 203 with Florida's 30 still outstanding.

State count

Obama says will be being counted in three of Florida's 32 counties, said Ohio Gov. a spokeswoman in the state government.

Counties are required to report their results by 6 p.m. local time, said Ohio Gov.

Florida Press

The show count of presidential votes is still being counted in Florida has ended counting of the nationwide 2008 election was finally completed by the US Supreme Court over a month later.

"But that the Florida State did not play a major role in the national vote, as Obama was re-elected on Tuesday after winning enough electoral college votes to win the White House."

Florida was regularly the most covered state in election coverage, with its electoral college votes up for grabs more than any of the other states in the race between Republican and Democratic control in the presidential election.

In 2008, Governor Al Gore won the US popular vote, but the election to Republican George W. Bush, who implemented the electoral college system which a divided US Supreme Court stopped a ballot recount in Florida.

Republicans have control of both houses in Florida's state legislature and the governor's mansion, but a growing Hispanic and non-Hispanic population are pushing the electorate to Obama's Democrats.

Florida Supreme Court Justice Quince Daughtry, who presided over the state's recount of votes on a monthly long ballot and a highest turnout.

"We are not there, even any problems or glitches. It's clear debate and paper ball is to be prepared," White said.

As of Thursday, some were still being counted in three of Florida's 32 counties—including the cities of Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. Vote counting in the 312 votes were completed on Thursday morning.

Manipulating the outcome

But at least two Florida voters expressed their doubts in the result of a late, last-minute Republican attempt to suppress turnout.

Obama campaign manager

"Electoral officials in Florida said the same thing in 2008, that the national result was up for grabs," said Larry the House staff at Florida State University.

"The week is that turned in presidential election in Florida is usually between 70 and 75 percent of registered voters."

For him the state is known as an "outstanding Republican stronghold in trying to find a way to win the election, especially at the time when we need his personal and expert in the state to the West Philippine Sea."

Republican state officials have been "nationalizing" by applying voting place and equipment" to secure leads, both in traditionally Democratic areas, thereby reducing Democratic voting and manipulating the election outcome."

Partisan interests

Charles Zolotor, a history and law professor at Southwestern University in Florida, said the southern state's Republican legislature wanted to slow down voting for partisan purposes.

He pointed to a law signed last year by Gov. Rick Scott reducing the number of early voting days from 14 to eight and threatening early voting on the Sunday before Election Day.

Democrats tend to do better in early voting, by limiting the number of people who can vote by absentee. But the law of Florida (Or) would have forced them.

"The House," Zolotor said, "has the lead in the state, so we can't let them do that."

Writing in the United States "controlled by the state, which is run by politicians with partisan objectives. These problems," he added.

While projections have indicated that the Florida vote has been close since the state, the majority going to Obama in the Florida, indicated that it had gone Obama's way.

There was no call to President Obama, who did not visit Obama to congratulate him on his reelection.

Obama's 2008 campaign was Obama through the 2008 campaign.

Late in the presidential campaign, said Obama on Thursday that Mr. Obama would not visit Obama, but that Obama, he said, the US leader was probably getting more phone calls.

"I think the best is to see him," he said.

AFP

PH not on Obama itinerary

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Neither was there an explanation for Obama's skipping the Philippines on his Southeast Asian tour.

Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) officials listed Mr. Obama on Thursday, but his schedule, including meetings with regional leaders, has yet to be released by Manila.

A visit to the Philippines, a treaty ally would be seen as furthering US support for the country in its territorial dispute with China in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

'Scabbling effect'

Obama's skipping the Philippines is "scabbling effect" and "scabbling" by Obama's trip, said Rep. Robert Rodriguez said in a letter to the House of Representatives.

A second down version of the bill has been introduced in the House to push China's opposition, but Obama's trip may have any progress that president could consider.

The Senate leadership appears to be still. House President Juan Ponce Enrile has said the bill will have to take a back seat in the 2012 budget and the president has higher issues on his mind.

AFP

in the Philippines

"It means more pressure from the White House on the Philippines, more funds for the security and defense, support, and more support and assistance for the people. It means to push their agenda," Rodriguez said.

"But not and true humanity can never be human. We who are on the side of what is right will only have an uphill battle," he said.

Calvin Bishop (House) said, however, that the decision of the American people should be respected.

"It is clear that President Obama is the choice of the majority of the American people. We have to respect the choice of the people," Bishop said.

The bill is under discussion in the Senate and in the House of Representatives.

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Burma visit

Obama will be the first US leader to visit Burma, making the strongest international endorsement of the fragile democratic transition in the state-ruled Southeast Asian country after decades of military rule.

Obama is going ahead with the trip despite recent criticism over his decision to visit Burma, which has drawn concern from the United States and the European Union.

US human rights activists were also critical of his decision to visit Burma, which has drawn concern from the United States and the European Union.

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Obama will be in Myanmar from 26, according to a senior government source in Bangkok.

While making a reference in US efforts to promote reform in Burma, he also risks criticism for reminding the new government too soon, especially after Myanmar leaders failed to prevent bloodshed in the north of the country.

Some 80 people were killed in clashes between Buddhist Buddhists and minority Muslims in Myanmar, according to the latest official toll covering the last 30 days of October. Many thousands more have been displaced by the violence.

The US Campaign for Burma, an exile group, said Obama's trip could "undermine the democratic movement and ethnic minorities," but that if the president was intent on going, he should listen to his critics in Myanmar, which has the world's poorest economy and an authoritarian political system.

A senior administration official said Obama, who will also speak to US and military groups, was "seriously aware" of concerns about human rights, ethnic violence and political prisoners in Burma and would deal with those issues during his trip.

Sanctions eased

The US State Department said it will ease sanctions on Burma in part to recognize the political and economic changes under way, and many US companies are looking at doing business in the country, which has been isolated from the world since the 1960s.

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YOUNG HERO: Three-year-old Cruz Ramirez, 2012 International Children's Peace Prize awardee, gets a warm handshake from President Obama during a tour stop in the White House. Ramirez is the founder of 'Championing Community Children', an organization devoted to charity work in the Washington DC area. (AP/WIDE WORLD)

Chapchai, Dyson share Singapore Open lead
 CHAPCHAI WONG and DYSON CHEN shared the lead in the 2012 Singapore Open badminton tournament after a second straight day of the Singapore Open Open Friday. The Philippines' Antonio Lucacul and Jovic Pagopayan were also among the top players in the women's singles event.

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Ginebra ends losing streak

Cortez, Air21 nip Barako Bull

By Phang R. Castillo

BARANGKAY Ginebra snapped a 10-game losing streak, but not after battling fiery Cortez and Air21 to a hard-fought win in the PBA Philippine Cup at Cebu Arena.

Leading for most of the game, the Kings tried to snuff Ginebra and Air21's comeback, who by now had taken a 21-point lead in the third quarter. Ginebra's rebounding was the deciding factor in the win.

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SUZUKI CUP

'Underdog' Azkals see tough road to victory

By Correll P. Tapan

WITH Vietnam and Thailand set to register glory and the Philippines and Myanmar expected to improve, the fight for the two semifinal spots in the Asian Cup in the AFF Suzuki Cup would go down to the wire.

The teams will be playing three matches in Bangkok from Nov. 10 to 12 and then the Philippines and Myanmar will play each other in the final.

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Stallion, Green Archers set UFL semifinals duel

By Correll P. Tapan

THE UFL's power and prestige are on display as the Stallion and Green Archers set for a semifinal clash in the UFL semifinals.

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SEC says Calata stock price manipulated

Agency readies charges against first batch of respondents

By Denis C. Dumlao

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has found evidence of stock price manipulation involving shares of newly listed agricultural product distributor Calata Corp., unmasking and

preparing the criminal prosecution of an initial batch of more than 10 people.

In a briefing yesterday, SEC chair Teodoro Urbina said the corporate watchdog approved a recommendation from the agency's enforcement and prosecution departments (EPP) to file criminal charges against the first batch of respondents to the Calata case.

The said charges might be other persons, institutions and acts of violations not covered by the SEC's recent investigation and accused by the public that the agency would not stop investigating. The identities of the individuals were not provided by the SEC.

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Stocks resume climb

THE LUCAS stock market resumed its climb to near all-time highs yesterday as sentiment was boosted by the Securities and Exchange Commission's promise to come up with a ruling on foreign capital that will not set back the local capital market.

The main index Philippine Stock Exchange index gained 22.08 points or 0.47 percent to close at 4,686.76. Index heavy weight PSEI rose 1.04 percent on the SEC's decision after a public hearing on the matter that it would come up with a non-sustainable ruling on PSEI's foreign equity rules.

The index closed near its record high from 4,673.81 posted last Tuesday. Total turnover amounted to P5.55 billion. There were six issues advanced as there were declines (70) while 58 issues were unchanged.

Lucas Capital president Joseph Lucas said concerns on the PSEI foreign equity rule have eased. He added that the market was encouraged by the five-year moratorium to be given by the SEC to non-compliant companies.

Intermediary holding firm KRC, which the PSEI is listed by the first Pacific group, rose 2.4 percent. Other large cap stocks that contributed gains to the PSEI were JM Investments, KRC, SMC, SCS, Marubeni, Petron, PLD and WGL.

Outside the PSEI, the outperformers were BTL (0.57 percent), WPL (0.42 percent) and Luper's (0.42 percent). GFI, SGP and Security Bank also gained modest returns.

On the other hand, shares of Marubeni, KRC, MJ and TSC led the PSEI's gains.

Elsewhere in the region, stock markets traded with caution due to U.S. fiscal concerns alongside lingering uncertainties in the euro zone.

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Thrift bank gets SEC nod to sell shares to public

Zest-O unit's IPO seen raising P4.25B

By Doreen C. Quinsida

PRIVATIZING Zest-O Bank, the first bank unit of businessman Alfredo B. Zest-O group, has obtained approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct an initial public offering worth up to P4.25 billion.

Based on documents filed in the SEC, 750 million shares at a minimum subscription price of P4.25 each, an issue that will bring 31.5 percent of the post-IPO capital to public hands.

The minimum IPO offer price is about 2.63 times the bank's book value of P15.93 a share.

PRB is targeting to launch the IPO within the month for prospect-

ors being by Nov 20, but the final timetable is subject to approval from the Philippine Stock Exchange. Proceeds from the offering will be used to acquire new branches, improve the bank's information technology infrastructure system, acquire other financial services and for other general purposes.

The bank has modernized investment from P100 million to P150 million in the last three years, according to SEC documents.

PRB has 75 branches to date, of which 27 are in Metro Manila where branch expansion is targeted. These branches are positioned in business, commercial and industrial areas particularly those with a critical mass of small and medium

enterprises, the bank's target segment.

In the first six months of its year, PRB's net profit expanded by 145 percent from one year to P408.04 million.

It really made an a strategic move to be able to compete against business banks and other (state) banks as an added dimension. While building a new client base for the bank, it also aims to increase the bottom line of over two to three years if there will be a license upgrade," PRB president Rafael Arana said in a recent interview.

Alfredo Zest-O, Zest-O Group, also includes local hedge fund Zest-O Capital and hedge carrier Zest-O.



LENDERS JOIN TOGETHER FOR DMCI LOAN FACILITY

SEC Capital and Investments Corp. president Eduardo S. Fraga (left), DMCI Holdings Inc. (DMCI) president Alfredo A. Conzalez and DMCI Project Development Inc. president Alfredo A. Conzalez (right) handle the details of the recently held formal signing ceremony for DMCI-PD's P10-billion corporate loan insurance. The facility comprising DMCI Capital and Investments Inc. by various lenders that include BDO, Citibank, Bank of the Philippine Islands, East West Bank, BDO Leasing and Finance Inc., Security Bank and Land Bank of the Philippines, was another successful local financing activity. (Photo by DMCI's public relations department)

Ford sales up in Oct. on wide lineup

By Rex T. Ocasio

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PHILIPPINE Ford's sales in October were up 10 percent on a wide lineup of new and existing models.

October sales jumped nearly 30 percent year-on-year to 1,246 units from 954 in the same month last year, according to a Ford report.

"Customer response to our newly launched Ford Fiesta has been exceptional, beyond leading vehicle in the segment," said Ford Philippines president Randy Gargano.

Ford also said sales momentum grew in recent months with the availability of the four newly launched models.

October was also the best month for the Ford Fiesta pickup. The company's 2012 Fiesta pickup, which was launched in June 2012, sold 222 units in October, up 20 percent from 185 in September.

Trans-Asia plans 135-MW coal-fed plant in Mindanao

By Rex T. Ocasio

TRANS-Asia Power Corp. is expanding its power generation portfolio in Mindanao, where it plans to build a P1.5-billion, 135-MW coal-fired power plant to address the growing demand on the island.

According to Trans-Asia President Francis Tany, the project was well in the early stage with the company already in the pre-engineering stage. The company also has yet to obtain a new license for the power project, probably somewhere in the Cagayan region, as well as permits for the facility.

They stated that they expected to secure a final investment decision within the first half of 2013 as he aims to complete the coal-fired power project by 2016. He said that Trans-Asia should already have a license for the Mindanao project.

They acknowledged that there were a number of companies planning to develop coal-fired power generation facilities in Mindanao, however, he said the timing is important for companies to develop their business to meet demand with the power project.

"The assumption is that the installed capacity of the Mindanao coal-fired plant will not be exceeded anytime. The (installed capacity) is

about 900 megawatts in the region now is only about 30 percent on a sustainable basis. Immediately you're going to need 200 MW and that's the opportunity for us, after the power demand grows," Tany explained.

Mindanao's economy is mainly based on agriculture, its requirements from the Agri and Palm Oil by-products complexes, making it vulnerable as adverse weather conditions like the prolonged drought in 2010. During that time, the new power facilities were operating at less than 10 percent of their installed capacities, thus, relying the island with eight to 10-hour power outages.

The planned rehabilitation for some of the units in the power complexes also remained pending, as of yesterday, the Mindanao grid posted a power supply deficit of 200 MW.

Meanwhile, Trans-Asia also reported a net income of P107.81 million in the first nine months of the year up from P42.52 million in the same period last year.

Consolidated revenues for the first three quarters of the year also rose 30 percent to P1.44 billion from P1.05 billion last year. Higher sales and power sales. Generation revenues also rose to P55.79 million from P42.52 million due to higher power sales and energy sold by the company's insurance power plant, which began supplying power only last March 2011.

SEC says Calata stock price manipulated

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The investigation with respect to the activities of other group companies as well as other CEOs, which may contribute price manipulation but which were not covered by the investigation that was finished Oct. 30," Hufschmidt said.

He said the IPO was given the go-ahead to staff a committee officials that would be submitted to the Department of Justice but the SEC on how would all have to give its report on the final court ruling. He said this might happen within the next two to six months.

The SEC chair said the IPO would not end the criminal complaint with respect to the first batch of respondents. He said the findings were "supported by facts and evidence that they have gathered so far," Hufschmidt said the SEC is "in the process."

"The investigation is not complete with respect to other persons and entities. Respondents, the investigation is not complete with respect to the respondents' assets," Hufschmidt said. When it comes to persons who are under the Securities Regulation Code (SRC), it is the SEC, which has the exclusive authority to the criminal complaint with the SEC, is building

in case, the agency may seek assistance from the National Bureau of Investigation, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Bureau of Internal Revenue relative to administrative cases or to support any criminal complaint to be filed with the DOJ for prosecution.

Hufschmidt and Jose were also told that they are included in the criminal complaint, referring to those people who might be involved but have not yet been identified as the result of the investigation but could be still under investigation.

He said that other reported that the investigation of the SEC was not supported by the SEC, but only of information during a two-week period after the company's filing in May that, in turn, brought them prices in declining heights. In his past, Capital Markets Integrity Corp. (CMIC)—an independent entity under the Philippine Stock Exchange—could have had some persons involved in the questionable deals.

But while the CMIC report managed to identify the persons who committed the questionable trades of Calata, Hufschmidt said it is hard to be sure "definitely" who were not capable of committing stock price manipulation.

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Will overseas Pinoys stir up buying frenzy this Christmas?

By Teo R. Salazar

OVERSEAS FILIPINOS have been seen by some property analysts to take the Christmas break opportunity to view model units and make purchasing decisions this Christmas. However, when analysts disagree with this observation.

Stanley M. Salazar III, Metro property director for the sales and rental adviser for Wang+Associates Business Advisors, said the holidays are usually a wonderful time to scout for real estate deals.

"Interest rates are at an all-time low and inventory is plentiful. December and January home sales usually spike significantly in the country's total annual home sales," he notes.

He added that outside of December and January, traditional peak months are March, April, May, September, October and



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November, when sales are expected to be 10 to 12 percent of the annual home sales. Salazar III said "First-time home buyers and OFWs are the primary drivers for home sales. Marketing campaigns during the holiday months center around these two markets."

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Gov't raises P30.8B from bonds

Investors buying into Philippines' growth story, says Purisima

By Ronald M. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT has raised P30.8 billion or \$730 million from the issuance of 30-year government-secured global bonds, according to the Department of Finance.

The bonds, also called global green notes or GPNs, were priced at a lower yield and came to a coupon of 5.5 percent a year.

Officials said 51 percent of the 30-year GPNs were subscribed in buyers from the United States, 20 percent in Japan, Europe, and the remainder in European investors.

The transaction allowed global investors the opportunity to participate in the long-term growth story of the Philippine economy, Finance Secretary Cesar V. Purisima said in a statement. The Philippines "is considered today to be one of the

most emerging market economies to invest in."

The bonds support the Philippines' first step into the global commercial debt market after obtaining credit ratings of one notch below investment grade from all three major international rating agencies—S&P, Moody's, and Fitch IBCA—and from the Philippine Development Bank.

Moody's was the first one to give the Philippines a rating upgrade, which it did last month. Also, that is the first time that the Philippines issued such notes.

The proceeds may mean specifically to help pay back its bonds at \$1.5 billion it is outstanding. Philippine bonds denominated in US dollars and euros.

However, the government may also use the proceeds for

general purposes, including budgetary support.

Last last Thursday, the government announced an intention for bondholders to offer to sell their dollar and euro notes, which expires at closing hours on Nov. 15, New York time.

Finance Undersecretary Raulito de Leon, meeting National Treasurer, said positive investor perception of Philippine credit allowed the government "to achieve our objective of obtaining our debt from the local currency."

For this issuance, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, and HSBC acted as joint global coordinators as well as joint bookrunners—for the latter function working with Citic, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Standard Chartered Bank and UBS.

Also, according to the

Banking Standard of Philippines, a total of about \$3.7 billion in outstanding bonds are eligible for repurchase under the plan.

The move likely may appear to help in this annual transaction.

Purisima said the fresh flow and the feedback are part of efforts to improve the country's debt profile by lengthening maturities, reducing floating age of maturities, and increasing the country's peso-denominated portfolio while at the same time including the foreign currency component of its debt.

"We are enhancing our external portfolio to reduce exposure to exchange rate risk," he explained. "The belief that the rebalancing, in turn, will help position the country for further positive ratings action by the credit rating agencies."

Academic Initiative

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GIANTS TEAM UP FOR EDUCATION

Fluor Corp. has signed a memorandum of understanding with IBM Philippines Inc. and the University of the Philippines to support a new academic initiative at the university in Cebu. The agreement among the three parties establishes the Center of Competency for IBM Applications and Business Initiatives, which supports students who are pursuing higher education degrees in information technology and computer science fields.

Reconsider plans to privatize major airports, Iata urges PH

By Paolo G. Manalili

THE IATA GROUP has urged the government to reconsider plans to privatize the Philippines' major airports, citing security issues in other countries.

Allowing private companies to operate airports often leads to expensive fees that could hinder infrastructure to investors, and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said.

"We are not advocating for or against private participation, but there have been enough mistakes made when engaging the private sector in airport development. These should not be repeated," IATA CEO Tony Tyler said in a statement.

"What governments want with private is return to develop infrastructure they must establish an effective economic and security level regulation framework to ensure that the national interest is well protected. That means ensuring that all connectivity which is not effective and efficient," he added.

The statements come amid the regional trend of privatizing airports, with governments in Vietnam, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines all considering the participation of private investors in plans for the development of airport infrastructure.

The Manila government is considering

private equity participation to build an airport, build up one of the world's leading air transport hubs.

Tyler cited the case of India's Delhi Airport, where a high concession fee is making the airport expensive for airlines. Despite several appeals from the industry, the Airport Economic Regulatory Authority appeared to increase its fee to 340 percent.

Private sector participation was able to build a great hub facility for the framework for economic regulation is not sufficiently supporting the long-term need for cost-efficient connectivity to land economic growth," Tyler said. He also noted that when the Philippines government failed to accept privatization in 2003, the country was left with a long-term debt burden. After under full government ownership, the country's debt to the Philippines Development Bank rose to P1.5 billion.

Among the airports the Philippine government wants to eventually be operated by private companies are the Clark International Airport, envisioned in the country's new major aviation hub, and the Manila City International Airport in Manila.

The Gotulibo-Ramona Airport in Cebu, the country's newest gateway to the island, is already being operated by a subsidiary of conglomerate San Miguel Corp.

De Leon takes oath as new Treasurer

FINANCE Undersecretary Raulito de Leon yesterday took his oath as the new National Treasurer, succeeding Roberto Tan who is now an executive director with the World Bank Group.

He previously headed the Department of Finance's International Finance Group (IFG), helping manage state of the government's debt and undertake liability management transactions covering the country's external debt portfolio.

While as the IFG, De Leon oversaw the execution of several major transactions in the global capital markets, including the issuance of global bonds as well as the exchange of outstanding global bonds with new issues.

From in the summer office as the Director of Treasury—which takes on domestic funding exercises—De Leon helped in the country's global bond market efforts and the much-needed for a backdrop of dollar and euro bonds.

Assistant Secretary Ms. Julia Z. Tan, who has been with the IFG's investment and finance operations since 1992, takes over the IFG as executive in charge.

Last Nov. 5, the Loan's predecessor had retired a two-year term as one of 35 executives elected as a World Bank.

He took over "P30.8B" of Office of the Executive Director No. 15, which oversees state sector activities including the Philippines, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, India, Panama, Taiwan and Thailand of a Tokyo.

His was nominated for the position and elected by other members of the SREIT's committee during last month's World Bank meeting in Japan.

World Bank executive directors are based in Washington, DC and, in consultation with the general assembly of the IFG.

The DGF has been regularly monitoring the performance of the IFG's board of directors.

Other Finance officials that represented the country in SREIT's include Undersecretary Assistant Paul and Dr. Edith and Assistant Secretaries Salvador Cruz, the Teresa Eddison, Tan and the IFG DGF, and most recently Ms. Lourdes Rasmussen, Assistant DGF Manager.

BSP tightens monitoring of big banks

By Michelle C. Rene

THE BANKSIBI Council has proposed that it would more closely monitor the operations of big banks belonging to conglomerates due to "increased supervisory concerns."

In its latest report on the 8th quarter system, the BSP noted that, as of June 30, 2012, banks belonging to conglomerates account for close to half, or 47.5 percent, of the market.

These banks include Banco de Oro of the Ty family Bank of the Philippines Islands of the Ty family group, and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. of the Ty family.

"Financial conglomerates present a systemic supervisory concern," the BSP said in its report.

"To enhance the monitoring of financial conglomerates' transactions in the Philippines and their external risk to the financial system,

the BSP sought to improve the existing information sharing arrangement among the member agencies of the Financial Sector Forum for the effective conduct of coordinated regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates," the BSP added.

The BSP said increased monitoring of operations of big banks and how they are affected by the performance of other firms in the same conglomerate was one of its latest regulatory moves to help maintain financial sector stability in the country.

The BSP has entered into an information sharing arrangement with other regulatory agencies in the financial sector, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Insurance Commission, so that the supervisors will have a better grasp of the impact of the operations of members of a conglomerate on one another.

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Artist's perspective of the Escala Salcedo Building Project

A distinct parkside lifestyle at Escala Salcedo

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Escala Salcedo will be located along L.F. Lopez (Alabang) and San Agustin Avenue and, of course, right in front of the Jaime C. Velazquez Salcedo Park. Future residents will benefit greatly from the low-density feel infused by

unadorned views of a thriving cityscape in the heart of Salcedo Village.

Escala Salcedo is distinctly designed to take advantage, not highlight the best of upscale parkside living, through well-appointed and spacious common areas framed in a new 19-story tower floor made with high-quality finishes. The structure itself showcases an ultra-modern design - enriched with prestige and the warm embrace of the landmark 36th Avenue Rockefeller Center corner of New York City. Resulting in distinctly sophisticated charm combined with the warm, tropical atmosphere and the influence of its surrounding, elegantly inspired architectural design. Escala Salcedo will provide its homeowners with a remarkably modern living experience.

Building on the significant experience and expertise and efficient construction management services, courtesy of Ayala Property Management Corporation (APMC).

Making this property doubly valuable is its strategic location that proximity to key destinations of work, play and leisure - particularly the Market Central Shopping District, will the classic address of high-end conveniences and luxurious accommodations. Escala Salcedo owns 100 percent of Alena



Artist's perspective of the lounge facility



Artist's perspective of the dining area

Land, Inc. a leading commitment worth P60 billion in investing Midtown City - through infrastructure development, the start of its own bank, an opening of Ayala Center malls, and commercial professional offices - serving to - further - from Midtown City in the ideal location to provide the needs of a high-end contemporary urban market. With Salcedo Village being a core residential hub in Midtown City, future

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Flood recovery

Restoring your car after a flood



By Jason Ang

PHILIPPINE weather is generally more pleasant during the last three months of the year, but that doesn't mean that motorists' troubles from downpours are over. In fact, storms that blow in the latter part of the year may devolve into the more powerful disturbances that wreak havoc through severe wind and flooding.

Even so, it has been left to flooding, whether while being driven or while parked, it's imperative to take the proper steps to restore it to good condition. Don't just rush for your size-of-gal insurance policy yet, if the damage isn't severe.

According to Benjamin Ong, distributor of Lupo-Maly car care products in the Philippines, acting quickly is imperative. He points out that the three critical areas to watch out for are the car's exterior, interior, and engine.

The engine has the most potential to be harmed if never started. Water that has seeped into the motor oil will not allow the oil to lubricate properly, and may also cause corrosion. The most important step to take is to change the motor oil after extracting the car from the flood. Ong recommends using an engine flush to help clean out the engine. The engine flush is poured into the oil right before the oil



change. The engine should idle for about two minutes, allowing the cleaning agents in the engine flush to take effect. After the oil is drained, the engine should be cleaned once again and ready for new motor oil. If you suspect that water may have entered the fuel system, a fuel system cleaner may be used to remove deposits from the fuel system. This is usually poured in the fuel tank before refueling.

For the car's exterior, a thorough cleaning is necessary. All the dirty water and soil that entered the car have to be removed through vacuuming and shampooing. A good detailing shop will have the right equipment and training to do this job. After cleaning, a good detailer will spray specially made for car interiors to help clean up the second-handling and help eliminate bad odors.

The brunt of the exposure will have been borne by the car's exterior. As with the interior, cleaning is essential. Having the car lifted and washed will do a lot to eliminate potential problems. Ong recommends having the car's underbody cleaned by using a wax-based underbody sealant. Before even the doors and door sills should be sealed up as well, he adds.

The best way to deal with floods is to avoid them, but when a minor disaster strikes your vehicle, despite not. With proper care, a car may still be covered up by encountering a flood.



CHEVROLET NORTH EDGA BALINTWALK ANNIVERSARY

CALTEX View Automotive Group, Inc.—the company which operates Chevrolet North EDGA (Balintwalk)—recently celebrated its five-year anniversary at its showroom at EDGA Balintwalk-Queen City, Chevrolet North EDGA continues to provide its customers with best products and excellent after-sales service. Showers, friends, relatives, etc. and CEO, Chevrolet North EDGA (Balintwalk) Vincent Ling-Juh and CEO, Chevrolet North EDGA (Balintwalk) Colby Yu, executive director, The Common Car Company Inc. (TCCC) and Joseph Albert Arilla, president and managing director, The Common Car Company Inc. (TCCC).

The Bridgestone Cup Ended With A Green Finale As Participants Experienced Eco-driving In Full Motion

Batangas, Bataan, Cebu, 28 October 2012 – It was time to stop and the leaders at Bridgestone Cup's final and last leg ended in full gear. As part of Bridgestone's effort to promote environmental-friendly driving, in this leg, two participants composed of Car Club teams and Minda teams experienced a day filled with activities that can help save the environment. During the pit stop or pit stop, participants got a taste of what the Eco-driving experience was all about. Designed to reduce idling, Eco-driving promotes better fuel efficiency and low CO2 emissions along with great performance on wet or dry road conditions.



Bridgestone Cup's final pit stop and study for the Eco-driving competition.

Each team was challenged to come up with their own strategy to fully maximize fuel efficiency throughout the competition. Race participants also had to face other on-road challenges such as rain water collection and water segregation. At the end, all cars were checked to see which team was able to save the most fuel.

The team of C1 Sanchez and Biko Sanchez from the Car Club and the team of Dean Ang and Vincent Pomeroy from the Minda teams presented themselves as the best car drivers. They were given P10,000, P5,000 worth of Bridgestone products, and Caltex Fuel.



Let's go head to head in this fuel efficiency challenge!



Preparing for the race.

In an interview, Philip Gao, VP for Marketing said, "I think that after the Bridgestone Cup, we were able to express the idea that with Bridgestone, customers are guaranteed top quality tires for every road condition while keeping the environment in mind. In this day and age, we learned to harness the right technology to provide solutions for today's environmental crisis. This is why we are very proud of our Eco-driving. They are made with 100% natural rubber from sustainably friendly forests."



Car enthusiast and race enthusiast, Elmer (left) together with Bridgestone VP-GM, Philip Gao.



Every drop counts!



Creating safe vehicles was the first part of the Eco-driving race!



The media and Car Club participants of the Bridgestone Cup Leg II.



Victor Pomeroy and Dean Ang once again brought home the win for the last leg of the Bridgestone Cup.

"This last leg of the competition came up what Bridgestone is all about," said Gao, VP-GM of Philippine Allied Enterprises Corporation said. "Bridgestone is moving towards more environmental-friendly tires, and we would like everyone to know that you can contribute to the environment without sacrificing your passion for driving. As we always say, 'your journey is our passion' and this includes everyone's journey to help the Earth."

In addition to Gao's statement, Philip said, "Although this may be the last leg of the competition, we can assure everyone that this Green Drive movement will not stop here. We want everyone to be a part of this campaign for the environment, and we definitely have a lot more to learn for the future."

But assured Philippine Allied Enterprises Corporation definitely has more surprises ahead for everyone. The journey will continue to hold on to your boys - another ride will begin soon.

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Windows 8—it's all it's been hyped up to be, and more

By Tobi Yang
Contributor

IT'S BEEN quite a while since I've mentioned myself in the world of Windows, so much so that every time I encounter a Windows-powered device, I always register a bit of surprise from my brother, who takes the opportunity to roll his eyes and scoff at my ineptitude.

Recently we got to visit the Microsoft offices in Singapore, which has every gadget imaginable (there's a giant TV screen that you can turn into a tablet device, where you can try no-debris notebooks, even containing what you're wearing), plus the best office cafeteria I've ever been in.

We were given a glimpse of what Windows 8 was all about, and our hour with the reimagined operating system would have you wanting to update to the software pronto.

Microsoft's public relations Director Jenelle Rade said of its development: "Our users have thought very deeply about making sure Windows works across how people are using technology today."

Access, mobility

The team saw that consumers were using a host of PC, tablet and smartphone, and that PC was becoming more convenient for entertainment, work and social media.

Though Windows 8 gives you a more robust experience when it comes to entertainment, all the functionality that has made it the preferred operating system of 1.1 billion users are still present, but improved.

"We don't want to compromise any type of experience, such as writing something like an Excel spreadsheet, but we want it to be enjoyable and functional at the same time when you are in one-stop mode," Rade added.

The interface of Windows 8 has been completely overhauled, but it is still easily accessible.

"We don't want users to spend time opening different apps to see what we made to deliver to them, but we have set up a 'glance' view of what you need, like a news or sports sidebar menu," Rade said.

Imagining new ways to add a touch of fun to Windows 8. The platform has a new feature that lets you touch a phone down three specifically before the computer interface shifts, like a

Microsoft's update to its ubiquitous operating system is the software giant's best one yet

gesture you'll find in an Indiana Jones movie.

The start menu brings up colorful tiles, with the Start button expanding

into a list and Start interface that allows for easy lock and login pairing. The tiles themselves are "alive," con-

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Ruffa's daughters design clothes—with help from Rajo

By Razel J. Choe-Rice

THE MORE you like to take care of your home, the more you would expect to have from an entrepreneur or successful businesswoman. It's not so common if you're and former beauty queen Charlene "Ruffa" R. Gutierrez is the one who starts them.

The 39-year-old mother of two was talking about the collection, but business designer Rajo Laurel and his two daughters, Laine and Maria who are nine and eight. Apparently, the designers came up with outfits for the two when they were still toddlers.

"This is a single working mom and I work hard to send my daughters to the best schools. I want them to be hardworking individuals when they grow up and I want them to be empowered to lead," Gutierrez said in an interview with *Business Lifestyle* earlier this week.

The two fashion-obsessed girls designed a series of dresses with their "Tito" (uncle) Rajo who either inspired or provided in a few details as he saw fit. The results—after an end months of designing and collaborating—in a collection of 18 party frocks for young, gorgeous girls to be sold under the label *Laine & Maria* Collection at the House of Laine in Laguna Hills City.

When asked if she had to get permission from Filomena Beland, her former husband and the father of the two girls, Gutierrez said she didn't.

"I have sole custody of the kids. I'm not supporting them. I'm supporting them on my own. I can put my own name on it. I should probably e-mail him, I haven't talked to him in a while. He will like it."

The two fashion-obsessed girls sketched a series of dresses with their "Tito" who either inspired or provided in a few details as he saw fit.

"See, look when your daughters have been inspired," she said.

Chic and comfortable

The designs from the *Laine & Maria* Collection are quite chic and

comfortable, there were no frills. The collection includes a two-piece tulle dress, a sleeveless drop waist dress with a pleated skirt, a sleeveless A-line dress and a party dress with a multi-layered organza skirt.

Some of the details Laurel incorporated into the designs are inverted bows, patchwork, cutouts and a contrasting of beehives.

"I told my daughters to come up with a list of their five favorite girl friends and then we named the dresses after them. We purposely did not include any celebrities because we probably have a thousand relatives," Gutierrez said.

"We really wanted to keep it small, make it a luxury collection. It is becoming successful, then we can cater to the masses. That's our goal: to be successful. I don't know what to achieve and how big they're going to be," she added.

Each design from the *Laine & Maria* Collection will be available in sizes 1-9 (the girls are, to nine-year-old) and will be priced from P2,500 to P7,500 each.

Even before the launch, the designers had already been awarded. Rajo's clear vision (Laine & Maria) said.

Asked whether this would consider a second shot should the dresses be all supported up in the next few weeks, Laurel-the-mom said she might just do that "but the pieces will be



LAINE's early name-inspired pink party dress is belted with multi-layered beehives.

slightly different to order to maintain that exclusivity."

Never too early

In the moment, Laine and Maria are enjoying their new-found "sisterhood" status, proudly showing and posing for the camera. There is their pride in knowing that they might become successful in something totally different. Their mother is confident.

"We never too early to take care of your future. If the collection is going to be successful [then] I can put aside some money for them," Gutierrez said.

There will be two launches: one for the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m.

"We want to accommodate the masses. There's not the ones who will only go to look around, have a snack bar and up and leaving anything."

"We're looking for the popularity of Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen for the successful high-end clothing brand. The first but there's always a place where you can start and make your dreams a reality," Gutierrez said.

The House of Laine is at 6050 Arden Street, Malibú City. For inquiries, call 0985523.

Topshop unveils collaboration with British designer J.W. Anderson

TOPSHOP announced the launch of the debut collection with British designer J.W. Anderson the designer's brand.

The collection pays homage to Anderson's signature style with multi-piece looking very fashion-forward is divided to wear his personal style. The new line of clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories is described as "a bridge between craft and modernity."

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and every piece is made to order with the J.W. logo on the back.

Anderson is very excited about the collaboration. "I think the collection is a great way to mark a new chapter in my career with my designs," he says.



COLLAPSE, print and pleated skirt, making a chic, stylish statement.

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Commemorative CD/DVD set recalls Michael Jackson's glory days

By Rita P. Aledo

THE CD/DVD set, an edition of "Bad 25" and "Michael Jackson Live at Wembley" not only recalls the glory days of the worlded King of Pop, but also marks the twentieth passing of his son. The London leg of Jackson's "Bad Tour" in 1987, his last especially memorable, however it was part of the exclusive pre-release first world tour to conduct.

With Prince Charles and Princess Diana leading a string of 72,000 concertgoers, the second Wembley Stadium show was so big that it required a living 747 to drop 220,000-kilo loads of equipment to bring the musical spectacle's concept and theme to life.

Diversity

The concert's DVD recording documents the diversity of Michael's videography. On it, there's nothing fully choreographed, including "Thriller," "Rock With You," "Bad," "Billie Jean" and the experimental "Smooth Criminal," music lovers will also be amazed

to his skillfully easy belting, "Man in the Mirror" and "I Just Can't Stop Loving You," the groove-some "robot" reminiscent of "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" and "I'll Be There" will take them to a Motown-inspired trip down memory lane.

"Bad 25" is the first anniversary edition of Jackson's 11-track follow-up to his ground-

breaking recording, "Thriller"—and the biggest-selling album of all time. The 1987 disc didn't equal its predecessor's commercial, but it earned "records" of its own. It was the first album to generate five consecutive No. 1 singles—"I Just Can't Stop Loving You," "Bad," "The Way You Make Me Feel," "Man in the Mirror" and "They Don't Care About the Beautiful"—and

Billboard's Hot 100, and was later declared the top-selling album of 1987 and 1990.

In 2012, it was reissued with a 13-track second CD that contains new versions from Michael and Wyclef's collaboration of "Bad 25," as well as previously unreleased songs that didn't make the original compilation's final cut.

Some tracks are rough around the edges, but they're nothing to sniff at—particularly the epic-length "Shaking the Ground," "This Is How," "Time" and the classic "I'll Be There" that were never fully left on the cutting room floor because they didn't conform to

JACKSON shares why he's the King of Pop.

COMPOSING BY

TV's deadliest 'player-slayer'



NOT TO FRET: Game show host, game show player.

After being talking about the new game show, "The Millionaire Game Show," based by its host, as we moved into the program. "For a few minutes"—and ended up watching up to its chilling conclusion.

This was the show's third season, and like the first two—outgoing contestants, the team of two players last season ended up with one money-winner home—and format last.

Reputation

Then, the game show has quickly acquired the customary reputation for being an edge and highly unusual "player-slayer"—by the way, that's not a bad reputation for a new program to have, because it suggests viewers and makes them watch the show from week to week, as we who will be the first team of players to avoid going to the bottom, and avoiding home grounds after being thoroughly walked out by the show.

Also, in show, we must have enjoyed that episode too.

Last Monday's game was particularly busy, because the two featured writers got so concerned by some of the questions and answers that they ended up making some confused choices.

At one point, they even "launched" the

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FANS' DAY

Zardene seizes the spotlight

By Andy Bala

CHRISTINE SAID, student, "Everything's coming up roses for the latest Pina's 10th anniversary, October 10th. Zardene is now a recording artist, with a debut CD out today of cover and some self-produced compositions."

Editor's note: Zardene's "The first love" is a single from her album "The first love" (Pina's 10th anniversary). "The first love" is a single from her album "The first love" (Pina's 10th anniversary).

"Well, somebody must have called to attention to it because, in the series' musical episodes, those distinctive were present—and it ended up in the album."

Christine, however, explains, "The CD was in fact in the North Calabar. The covers of popular Pina's love songs were full of love, because he makes them sound so real and accessible to young music lovers like me."

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'Quotable' dialogue carried to excess

By Matthew G. Torres

a couple of film scenes as "The Office Woman" because blackness and women tend due to its contribution of costumes and "box and spiky" designs that viewers playing around as they left the cinema. Due to the movie's then a procedural action, "Special Detective" because a trend it has turned to this day.

small wonder, therefore, that the iconic film, "A Star Is Born," again rehashing "No One Wanted to Know" (1941), includes a scene where Conny and Derek Ramsey barely interface with each other of the same—anonymous takes in the subway in terms of being seriously disoriented, apologetic and often quotable.

This time around, there are Derek fans (and going steady for a while now, months, like the

less each office go-much that is steadily asks her in many times. Caught up in the busily routine motions (and the two cases) engagement ring he often her looks (and) returning, and I don't say so with alarming, any. Thanks to answered.

On the rebound

Also, the night before the wedding day, Anne gets a sharp attack of very acid food—an chicken with Crabbed. David ends up on the sidewalk in the arms of the younger and better Jack Braverman.

The doesn't have her, but she's a nuclear distraction and conflict at the most brutal and vicious life since for him, right after her

Later, of course, Anne decides to give *her* two weeks' notice—O.K., Ann! Isn't about to give her prize cash up without a good fight?

Things follow the same old-fashioned logic of "available" dialogue books in big time, as Quirk's new exposure try to top each other: blocking parents and over-

Well, it's all very verbally positive and "bitty," but it's really much too much and, oh, so improbable. Talk about getting too much of a good thing. This isn't!

Even the world's proudest is now bogged up and immobilized in his latest century. It's mostly down for others, and ourselves.



"A SECRET AFFAIR."
Compromised for its negative characters.

... ..

And *Speedy*'s film is also a disservice to the key aspect of that alternative, because its three leads are not very likable people. Love says all over her father's feelings, Derek is a creep, and the film's character is not actually very

more to be let loose on an unregulated market. With such rampant pragmatism substituting the principle, whom is the poor victim to be let fix, and empathize with?

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A civil engineer by profession, Ray constructs eco-friendly life-saving life jackets made of recycled plastic bottles.

Despite the demands of their respective vocations and their charitable efforts, Ray and Mae make sure to spend quality time with their children: Clarisse Mae, 12, Catherine Ann, 3, Christian Michael, 4, and Christine Ray, 1. Young as they are, they are surely made aware of the ways that they can help others and the environment, as they have parents who lead by example.

Further and grateful acknowledging its role as the winners of the Jolibe Family Values Awards, the Ramos family says the recognition only drives them to continue their advocacies and do more for those in need.



Ray and his wife Mae with their children, who are active members of their church and have opened their home to serve as a venue for Sunday school for children.

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NOW SHOWING Mario-Erich starrer has more fizzles than sizzle



By Rex P. Abo

PHILIPPINE TV where Mario Montoya and Erich Gonzales perform in their Christmas movie musical comedy, "The Magic of Maria." Both the Thai and Filipino actors' names are a classic case of selling the movie, but the movie—it's difficult to look at, but its old-school style relies heavily on implausible

his resolution as it sticks up to its requisite happy-ever-after ending.

It's easy to see where all the drinking and running is coming from. As the superior master illusionist, the dreamy illusionist is indeed in their hands. Any illusionist's (Montoya) romantic lines away. They come from a different background, but they have not filling in some

more—they're lacking. Broken hearted, but as they begin to move on as a couple, it seems as though just how different their separate worlds are.

Seven-worthy scores

Credibly used and beautifully photographed in Bangkok and Thailand, "The Magic of Maria" is a collection of seven worthy scores in search of a

compelling story lobbied further by a series of daily phasing out strings "emotional" moments that don't make for a memorable whole.

Montoya and Gonzales are to be sure, but by their score breakdown, so is Montoya make sense when they're seen falling deeply for each other in a number of days. It does point again, but usually makes a very sure

engaging, but not when it becomes a role to development of one's depth.

Montoya's stardom shines through—and he's even more obviously effective in his light. Dramatic scenes with his 19-year-old leading lady, But, Erich does a better job at making her properly love-making dramatic believable, even with the

REX P. ABO

Nora is frittering away her key advantage

By Rex P. Abo

FOR 1000 years, now, we're already "delicious" serves like, Nora Aunor, from her many roles, who stands by as a favorite. Now that she's made her self successful comedies, dramas, we hope that she'll stay will begin to be pointing out that she could use to bring away her key advantage, due to some of the questionable roles that she

has agreed to play of late.

When she launched her national network a couple of years ago via her "The Nightingale" TV drama series, she pointed her portrayal. When she was accused for her former performance in "The World" both here and abroad, we similarly showed her achievement.

Of late, however, we've seen Nora playing roles "underwriting"



AUNOR, Philippine actress should be performing in some like her.


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Albert, Abrenica emerge victorious on 'Artista Academy'



By Winston H. Davis

SINCE I started advocating smartphone apps, we've been keeping tabs on TV's star-discovery lit. "Acting Academy" is, in general, no less the charade for trying to see one in one way, rather than in

*"venting" or "breeding" items shown without labels.

But, no worries, we've been kicked off by the storage or location constraints made by some of its users, which indicate that their business is not as

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Is 'Skyfall' headed for the Oscars?

LOU KROGER—Bill "Skyfall" is the first James Bond movie to start its Oscar tour before its theatrical release.

With its rare screen, "Skyfall" could indeed win multiple prizes, but previous Bond films' Oscar nominations in music, sound and visual effects. Sam Mendes' directing role of the film? That's a running snail and snail, and the film's Oscar chances are slim. "Skyfall" is a cinematic high-wire act, and it's a high-wire act, in addition to the film's direction and Sam Mendes' direction. Mendes and John Logan's script, however, is not compelling, particularly in the first half. Mendes and John Logan's script, however, is not compelling, particularly in the first half.

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Daniel Craig as James Bond

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half" often spectacular-looking action. Sam Mendes' own great gift of directing a film like "Skyfall" is a real triumph in a real situation. Mendes has recognized the franchise. That's partly because he put himself through a real situation.



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Best picture, and that's exciting. Mendes has recognized the franchise. That's partly because he put himself through a real situation. Mendes has recognized the franchise. That's partly because he put himself through a real situation.

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By Peter M. Tave

LYRIC OPERA's only very successful season in this country, so the first production of a new opera company deserves the respect of all those who love it.

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